

REMARKS

The claims are 13 to 36.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

With regard to the objection to the Abstract, a suitable amendment has been made so that the Abstract does not exceed 150 words in length and is now in the form of a single paragraph.

With regard to the objections to claims 17 and 29, these have been corrected per the Examiner's comment.

Claims 13 to 36 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 to 7 of copending application Serial No. 11/918,222.

In reply, there is submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent maturing from the present application which extends beyond the expiration date of any patent maturing from copending application Serial No. 11/918,222.

With regard to the comment in the last full paragraph of page 4 and first full paragraph on page 5 of the Official Action, it is hereby confirmed that the present application and Serial No. 11/918,222 were commonly assigned at the time that the present invention was made.

In this regard, an Assignment in copending application Serial No. 11/918,222 was recorded on March 7, 2008 at Reel/Frame: 020677/0505-0507.

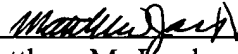
An Assignment to the same entity was recorded for the present application on April 11, 2007 at Reel/Frame: 019184/0727-0729.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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